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In re application of:

Tajima, et al.

Serial No.: Divisional of 09/202,229

Filed: Herewith

For: CARRIER HOLDING MICRO-SUBSTANCES,

SYSTEM SUSPENDING SUCH CARRIERS, APPARATUS FOR MANIPULATING SUCH CARRIERS AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING

POSITIONS OF SUCH CARRIERS

Group Art Unit: Unknown

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before "FIELD OF INVENTION", insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a Divisional of United States Serial Number 09/202,229, filed July 26, 1999, claiming priority to International Application No. <u>PCT/JP97/01962</u>, filed June 9, 1997, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 8-147574, filed June 10, 1996.--

On page 7, replace paragraph 2 with the following:

Here, "holes, cavities" include in addition to dips-like in surfaces, the ones penetrating the carrier such as porous cavities which include the one such as fiber or gel. Also, "holes, cavities, concavities or convexities", coating and so on may be not always formed in the carriers. Fixing, adsorption, adhesion, or, reaction may be done not only in the surfaces or the carrier, but also in the surfaces of the micro-substance or remote-acting substance. For

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